

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A plant for producing a nonwoven web of fibres ~~(20)~~ out of fibrous material and which comprises a defibrator (1), such as a hammer mill, for defibrating the fibre material, and at least one forming head (2) for forming a fibre web ~~(20)~~ on ~~an~~ endless forming wire (3) which, during operation, runs mainly horizontally, a first transport (9) fan for transporting defibrated fibre to the forming head via a first air duct (10), and a second transport fan (22) to extract nits from the forming head via a second air duct (21), ~~ehraacterised in wherein~~ that the plant also includes a separator (4), connected to the second air duct (21), for separating nits and well-opened fibres.
2. (Currently Amended) A plant according to claim 1, ~~ehraacterised in wherein~~ that it comprises a third transport fan (23) for returning the separated, well-opened fibres to the forming head via a third air duct (24).
3. (Currently Amended) A plant according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~ehraacterised in wherein~~ that it comprises a fourth transport fan (25) to remove the separated nits from the nits separator via a fourth air duct (26).
4. (Currently Amended) A plant according to claim 1 ~~, 2 or 3~~ ~~ehraacterised in, wherein~~ that it comprises a nits-opener (5) to convert the separated nits into well-opened fibres.
5. (Currently Amended) A plant according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 4, ~~ehraacterised in wherein~~ that the fourth air duct (26) extends between the nits separator (4) and the nits-opener (5) and that this is also connected to the forming head (2) via a fifth air duct (27) with a fifth transport fan (29) for returning the opened nits to the forming head (2).
6. (Currently Amended) A plant according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, ~~ehraacterised in wherein~~ that the nits separator (4) is a forming head.

7. (Currently Amended) A plant according ~~any one of claims 1-5~~claim 1, characterised ~~in~~wherein ~~that~~ the nits separator (4) is a cyclone.

8. (Currently Amended) A plant according to claim 4, ~~characterised in~~ wherein ~~that~~ the nits-opener (5) is a hammer mill.

9. (Currently Amended) A plant according to claim 4, ~~characterised in~~ wherein ~~that~~ the nits-opener is a refiner, designed to defibrate the nits between two grinding discs.

10. (Currently Amended) A plant according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~claim 1, characterised ~~in~~wherein ~~that~~ the nits-opener (5) is constructed in the form of a card.